

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22 (canceled)

Claim 23: (new) A method of forming a pattern of at least two coatings onto a base substrate to achieve edge alignment between at least a part of each of said coatings along at least a part of one edge of said pattern, the method comprising:

providing a substrate comprising at least one base;

applying a first coating to at least a part of said base;

applying at least a second coating over at least a portion of said first coating; and

during formation of said pattern, modifying at least a portion of said first coating over-covered by said second coating such that a characteristic of said first coating is altered, wherein said edge alignment is achieved without mechanically altering an edge portion of either applied coating.

Claim 24: (new) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

transferring said first coating and said second coating to a material, wherein said transferring has at least one characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) said transferring uses heat application, (ii) said transferring uses pressure, and (iii) said transferring uses heat application in which at least one coating of metalized material is applied over at least a portion of said base before applying said first coating.

Claim 25: (new) The method of claim 23, wherein at least one of first coating and said second coating has a characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) said coating is substantially opaque, (ii) said coating comprises ink, (iii) said coating comprises printing-applied ink, (iv) said coating comprises ceramic ink, (v) said coating comprises inked indicia, and (vi) said coating comprises metal.

Claim 26: (new) The method of claim 23, wherein said providing the substrate includes providing a base substrate comprising transfer material, and further including releasing a

laminate pattern of applied said coatings from said transfer material by application of at least one of pressure, heat, and radiation.

Claim 27: (new) The method of claim 23, wherein:
said first coating is applied to a side region of said substrate; and
at least one of said applying the first coating and said applying at least the second coating
further includes applying at least one coating to at least a portion of a surface of said substrate
opposite said side of said substrate to which said first coating was applied.

Claim 28: (new) The method of claim 23, wherein said modifying at least the portion
includes forming a plurality of edges to define at least one light passage.

Claim 29: (new) The method of claim 28, further including disposing said substrate
proximate a see-through surface.

Claim 30: (new) The method of claim 29, wherein said disposing has at least one
characteristic selected from a group consisting (i) said disposing uses adhesive, (ii) said disposing
uses magnetic attraction, (iii) said disposing uses static cling, (iv) said disposing uses heat, and
(v) said disposing uses pressure.

Claim 31: (new) The method of claim 28, further including disposing said coating
proximate a see-through surface.

Claim 32: (new) A method of forming a laminate pattern of coatings onto a material with
alignment between at least two of successive coatings along at least one defined edge of the
pattern as well as at least one area of the successive coatings not immediately adjacent said edge,
the method comprising the steps of:

providing a base having at least three surfaces, said base forming a support
substrate for said material;

modifying said base to provide a desired pattern of edges;

applying a first coating having a first coating portion whose shape is modifiable
by energy applied during said method of forming to at least one of a first surface of said base;
and

applying at least a second coating over at least a portion of said first coating so as
to define a laminate pattern of coatings with perimeter coating alignment along at least one

defined edge, wherein said alignment is achieved without mechanical alteration to either of said base, said first coating, and said second coating, wherein said first coating portion is modified after step (d) is carried out during said forming a laminate pattern of coating.

Claim 33: (new) The method of claim 32, wherein said base comprises at least one material selected from a group consisting of paper, metal, glass, and plastic.

Claim 34: (new) The method of claim 32, wherein at least one of said first coating and said second coating has at least one characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) said coating is substantially opaque, (ii) said coating comprises ink, (iii) said coating forms indicia, and said coating is light transmissive.

Claim 35: (new) The method of claim 32, further comprising:

applying at least one metal coating over at least a portion of said base.

Claim 36: (new) The method of claim 32, further comprising:

applying a light absorbing coating over at least a portion of a second surface of said base.

Claim 37: (new) A method of forming a pattern of coatings onto a panel, the method comprising:

providing a base that forms a support substrate for said panel;

modifying said base to form an edge to define a perimeter for coatings to be applied subsequently;

after forming said edge, applying a first coating having a first coating portion whose shape is modifiable by energy applied during said method of forming to at least a part of said base so as to be in proximity to said edge; and

applying at least one additional coating over at least a portion of said first coating so as to be in proximity to said edge, wherein alignment exists between said first coating and said additional coating at said edge without having mechanically altered either applied said coating.

Claim 38: (new) The method of claim 37, wherein at least one said coating has a characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) the coating is substantially opaque, (ii) the coating comprises ink, (iii) the coating comprises printed ink, (iv) the coating comprises

machine-printed ink, (v) the coating comprises inkjet printed ink, (vi) the coating comprises ceramic, and (vii) the coating comprises metal.

Claim 39: (new) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

transferring said coatings to a material.

Claim 40: (new) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

transferring at least one of said coatings by application of at least one material or force selected from a group consisting of (i) pressure, (ii) heat, (iii) radiation, (iv) treatment, (v) liquid, (vi) powder, (vii) stamping, (viii) deposition, (ix) sublimation, (x) electrostatic attraction, (xi) electrostatic repulsion, (xii) magnetic attraction, (xiii) magnetic repulsion, and (xiv) gravity.

Claim 41: (new) A method of forming a laminate pattern of coatings onto a material wherein successive coatings are aligned along at least one defined edge as well as at areas of said successive coatings that are not immediately adjacent said edge, the method comprising:

providing a base substrate having at least one base surface;

modifying said base surface to define at least one edge of said base substrate;

applying a first coating having, a first coating portion whose shape is modifiable by energy applied during said method of forming to said base substrate so as to use said edge of said base substrate to define at least one perimeter of said first coating;

applying a second coating adjacent said first coating so as to use said edge of said substrate to define at least one perimeter of said second coating, and to use another edge of said first coating to define a second edge, wherein successive coatings are aligned along said edge of said substrate and also at regions of said successive coatings not immediate adjacent said edge of said substrate without recourse to mechanical alteration of said coatings.

Claim 42: (new) The method of claim 41, wherein said applying the second coating includes applying said second coating on said first coating.

Claim 43: (new) The method of claim 41, wherein said applying the second coating includes applying said second coating in close proximity to said first coating.

Claim 44: (new) The method of claim 41, wherein said modifying said base surface is carried out after said applying the second coating.